

## Swadesh 100 Wordlist (English-Degema): Prepared by Ethelbert E. Kari

In the lexicon, plural forms of nouns are given in the rightmost column. Single Class nouns are marked (SC) in the middle column.

For compound nouns, two or more prefixes are given in the plural, depending on whether the prefixes of the other members of the compound also change in the plural. If the prefixes of the other members do not change, then only the prefix of the first member of the compound is listed.

Full forms of nouns are given in the plural where the vowel quality of the plural form is different from that of the singular.

Verbs are in the imperative.

Where two prefixes are listed for a given adjective in the plural, the first attaches to the adjective when it qualifies non-human entities, while the second attaches to the adjective when it qualifies human entities.

The Degema data are transcribed in phonetic symbols that have IPA values.

Only the high and downstepped high tones are marked. Low tone is unmarked for the sake of convenience.

The data are based on the **Usokun** variety of Degema.

I	mé'é	
thou	wó'ó	
we	ení	
this	onáa	
that	ojó	
who	oβo	
what	imo	
not	kú (for negating focused constituents)	
all	íkíkire	ε- (for human entities)
many	íkópólə	
one	oβú	
two	iβó	
big	ogidí	i-; e-
long	ogodó	ɪ-; ε-
small	ómógber	ímígber; émégber

woman	ómóβitam	pl. ímíβitam
man	ómómōsi	pl. ímómosi
person	owé <sup>+</sup> éj	pl. e-
fish	esén	pl. i-
bird	eřén	pl. i-
louse	udúβ	pl. i-
dog	á <sup>+</sup> ówá	pl. í-
louse	udúβ	pl. i-
tree	ú <sup>+</sup> táŋ	pl. í-
seed	ú <sup>+</sup> ŋ <sup>w</sup> ó	pl. í-
leaf	uβi útaŋ	pl. a- í-
root	usiné	pl. a-
bark	ú <sup>+</sup> fijáŋ	pl. í-
skin	útáŋ úŋ <sup>w</sup> ó	pl. í- á-
flesh	í <sup>+</sup> tá SC	
blood	idžá <sup>+</sup> lám SC	
bone	ú <sup>+</sup> óúwó	pl. í-
grease	ebír SC	
egg	ú <sup>+</sup> kijé	pl. í-
horn	ukpán	pl. a-
tail	utúm	pl. ə-
feather	uβú <sup>+</sup> úw	pl. a-
hair	utó	pl. i-
head	utóm	pl. ə-
ear	ú <sup>+</sup> sów	pl. á-
eye	úŋ <sup>w</sup> ó ádu	pl. í-
nose	ísúβeŋ SC	
mouth	enú	pl. i-
tooth	ukú	pl. a-
tongue	uděm	pl. a-
finger nail	uβé úsírá úbo	pl. á- á- á-

foot	aβi	pl. i-
knee	okpókpúlóm áβi	pl. i- í-
hand	uβó	pl. a-
belly	ířán	pl. a-
neck	ɪnán SC	
breasts	íβíjón <sup>w</sup>	pl. ə-
heart	úŋ <sup>w</sup> ó íβom	pl. í- á-
liver	əđíjóm SC	
drink (water)	ɲón <sup>w</sup>	
eat	đí	
see	món	
hear	suwené	
know	đerí	
sleep	mesé	
die	wú	
kill	gbijé	
swim	jów	
fly	βéβ	
walk	reré	
come	ji	
lie	selene (ɪŋ <sup>w</sup> í'íŋ)	
sit	ɖʒə úto	
stand	hírá	
give	ktjé	
say	kowé	
sun	uβúwó SC	
moon	obá'ám SC	
star	usemése	pl. í-
water	amín SC	
rain	ó'kpár SC	
stone	ohíŋ <sup>w</sup>	pl. i-
sand	ukpé'kpílé	pl. i-

earth	utó SC	
cloud	oɓutú SC	
smoke	əməfú SC	
fire	í'táɲ SC	
ash	(see smoke)	
burn (vt.)	tó	
path	usúwɛɲ	pl. ə-
mountain	í'gú SC	
red	atuatú	
green	adú ábi í'táɲ wɔwɔ	
yellow	adú ákɔm	
white	ó'fúfú	í- é-
black	ó'bíbí	í- é-
night	asú SC	
hot	í'tútú	
cold	í'níní	
(be) full	βuwó	
new	ɔfáɲ	ɪ- ɛ-
good	oβí	i- e-
(be) round	hihirɛɲ	
(be) dry	kɔwá	
name	iní	pl. ə-